



CITY OF JANESVILLE

Wisconsin's Park Place

Recreation Division

2022 Adult Summer Softball Leagues

The adult summer softball leagues at Dawson Softball Complex will be starting **the week of May 8th**. The season consists of 12 games. Please pass on information to another team member or request our office to forward it if you are not the contact/manager this year. New teams are placed into leagues on a first come, first served basis after returning teams.

ROSTERS: Rosters need to have **full name, address and phone numbers** on them in order to be complete. **Incomplete rosters will not be accepted.** We have past years rosters if you would like for reference. Manager e-mails are needed for our Team Sideline website. Rosters are due at the Recreation office (18 N. Jackson St; 1st floor of City Hall) no later than **Friday, April 8th at 4:30PM.**, with all fees paid in full. Roster changes will be allowed all season, but to be eligible for the playoffs should your team make it, players must have played in at least five games during the regular season.

LEAGUE FEES: The team fee is \$420 this year and is **due no later than Friday, April 8th at 4:30PM.** This fee includes **20 players**. A \$50.00 late fee will be charged to all teams that do not submit their **roster and fees** by **April 8th (no exceptions)**. Additionally, teams turning in rosters/fees after the deadline will lose their returning team status. **No late rosters will be accepted after April 15th** in order to have sufficient time to create schedules. Please contact your sponsor as soon as possible so that they may provide you with their sponsorship payment prior to the deadline of April 8th. If you are paying on your own, please submit one check.

SCHEDULES & RULES: For questions or if you have league or rule suggestions you would like to discuss or propose for the upcoming season, you can contact Softball Supervisor, Bill Scherer at 608-755-3015 or email schererb@ci.janesville.wi.us. The phone number is the Ice Arena main line, so please leave a message and your call will be returned. Otherwise, you may leave a message for Bill at 608-755-3030.

There will be a **League Managers/Players'** pre-season meeting for all leagues. Meetings will be virtual via Microsoft Teams. A link for the meeting will be emailed to all team managers ahead of time.

SUNDAY NIGHT LEAGUE meeting is Monday, April 18th at 6:30pm;

MONDAY NIGHT LEAGUE meeting is Tuesday April 19th at 6:30pm;

FRIDAY NIGHT LEAGUES meeting is Wednesday April 20th at 6:30pm.

The purpose of these meetings is to 1) Help organize the leagues so all teams are placed in the proper leagues according to their ability to ensure teams are not placed in the wrong level of play; 2) This is your opportunity to discuss any rule changes that you would like to see changed. 3) The Player Code of Conduct will be discussed. 4.) COVID-19 Safety protocols will be discussed.

All players are invited to attend the meetings. If the team manager can't make the meeting it would be recommended that you send a member of your team as your representative. Any team not represented will have no argument for which league they are placed in.

Leagues will have one umpire with the mat and plate being a strike. Schedules and rules will not be mailed out this year prior to season. They will be emailed. Please remember all players can access team schedules and standings at www.teamsideline.com/janesville. Any additional rule changes will be highlighted in the rule book.

CHANGES FOR 2022: (These changes were instituted in 2021 so this is a reminder)

1. The dugouts have been relocated outside the playing field and closer to home plate.
2. There will not be scorekeepers this year. Umpires will be operating the scoreboard.
3. The home team will be the official scorekeepers. Both managers will be required to sign the scoresheet after each game and the home team must give to the Park Supervisor.
4. Any COVID-19 safety precautions will be determined based on the local situation at the time of play and will be communicated ahead of time to teams. All safety policies put in place must be adhered to by all players.

UMPIRES NEEDED: We need umpires in order to have leagues. Please consider umpiring on a night your team is not playing. Check with team members to see if anyone might be interested. There is a serious shortage of umpires and the leagues simply can't run without them. A new umpire is paid \$25.00 per game their first year. Anyone interested in umpiring would need to apply online at the City of Janesville's website www.janesvillewi.gov/jobs.

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT: There is league player code of conduct form that all players must read and sign before they are eligible to play. The code of conduct will simplify what behavior is unacceptable at Dawson Fields, so no player should be confused if they are ejected from a game and/or receive a suspension. We will go over this form at the manager/player's meetings. All players must read and sign form prior to first game played.

New Team Referral: We are looking for new teams in all our adult softball leagues! Help us spread the word on league opportunities. Email or call our office with contact email or address and we will send packets out to your referrals or simply spread the word. There is a spot on the registration form where teams can indicate who/what team referred them. **For each new team that joins a league from your referral, we will give you (20) \$2.50 concession credits good at Dawson this season or a \$25 credit good towards your team fee.**

OLD TEAM/NEW TEAM STATUS

Teams that participated with a majority of players on a roster last season are entitled to their same league/night until the deadline of April 8th. After that time new teams will take openings according to the date/time we receive roster and fees at the office.

BATS

The Janesville City Leagues will continue to adhere to the ASA bat list. Anyone found using an illegal bat will be automatically ejected as well as the person that brought the bat. For more information on banned equipment, look at the ASA website, www.asasoftball.com.

DIAMOND RESERVATIONS

Due to some field work and renovations at Dawson this spring there will be no practice reservation times available at Dawson. Should opportunities arise for practice times prior to season they will be communicated at a later date.

LEAGUE GAME DAYS

****Note:** Leagues are listed from MOST COMPETITIVE TO LEAST COMPETITIVE.

Sunday: Rockport, Traxler *If enough new teams we will add Palmer

Monday: Church A, B, C & D

Thursday: Women's

Friday: Co-Recreational Upper, Lower

Note: Last year there were no men's leagues for Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. We could add those nights if enough teams (minimum of 4 per league) contact us with interest.

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

If the weather is questionable, please do not call our office. We will post all game cancellations on our rainoutline (608-447-4007), as well as an email/text sent to team managers via our team sideline website.

For questions or information, please contact Softball Coordinator, Bill Scherer at 608-755-3015 or email schererb@ci.janesville.wi.us.

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